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Court rules in favor of the Army Corps of Engineers

In an order issued this week, the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Houston) agreed with the position taken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the Corps has the authority to do work on the Trinity River.

In a suit filed by the Sierra Club, the Corps' Fort Worth District was accused of violating a 1973 injunction that barred the Corps from taking any action on the Trinity River and Tributaries Project and any of its components, including the Dallas Floodway Extension Project. The Corps argued that in 1987, the Fifth Circuit Court vacated the 1973 injunction and dismissed this case in its entirety thus clearing the way for the Corps to reevaluate the Dallas Floodway Extension and proceed with a flood damage reduction project for southern Dallas.

In partnership with the City of Dallas, the Army Corps of Engineers is currently designing the features of the Dallas Floodway Extension Project that includes a chain of wetlands and levees to reduce flood damages in the southern Dallas area. Construction is expected to begin later this year.

Still pending before the courts is another suit that specifically challenges the environmental and economic justification of the Dallas Floodway Extension Project.

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